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there yesterday. Saw one case yellow fever. Mexican officials claim epidemic of dengue, but it is evidently yellow fever. No cases on Texas side.

TABOR,
State Health Officer.

Attempts at Laredo, Mexico, to break through river cordon.

LAREDO, TEX., *September 18, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

County judge and postmaster Zapata County telegraphs this morning: "People from Laredo, Mexico, attempting to cross at various points. Need at least four more guards for few days." Request authority to employ guards.

HAMILTON.

Additional guards for Zapata County.

WASHINGTON, *September 18, 1903.*

HAMILTON, *Laredo, Tex.:*

Place on duty and submit nomination to Bureau by letter four additional guards for Zapata County.

PURVIANCE, *Acting Surgeon-General.*

LAREDO, TEX., *September 21, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Regarding matter mentioned in your telegram, September 21, guard line covers about 300 miles river. On duty, Bureau guards, Zapata, 10; Webb, 18; Texas guards, 8; city Laredo, 3; Webb County, 2; Zapata County, 12; the customs officer, 10 for night and day; about 50 skiffs and 50 fords in territory guarded. Two guards are needed at 15 miles from Laredo to watch 5 miles of river where are 3 skiffs. The vice-consul reports dengue epidemic raging Nuevo Laredo, Mexico; few deaths; believes no cases yellow fever exist. This is the situation at the present writing, but it may change at any moment.

HAMILTON.

Quarantine at Laredo, Tex.—Epidemic dengue.

LAREDO, TEX., *September 18, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Laredo, Mexico, authorities claim yellow fever does not exist. Case seen now convalescent. Officials report no suspicious cases there. Epidemic dengue acknowledged. Total guards, including customs, immigration, State, county, city, and Bureau, 52, all under supervision of customs inspectors, cover 100 miles frontier.

HAMILTON.